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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TAX POLICY

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 10:30 a.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jim Tedder.

Members present: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, Ellison, and Yancey.

Members absent/excused: Representative Howrylak.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, May 2, 2018 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair went at ease at 10:37 a.m., and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5870:

HB 5870 (Yaroch) Transportation; authorities; opt-out provision in the regional transit authority act; provide for cities, villages, and townships.

Representative Yaroch introduced the bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people testified in opposition of the bill:
Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.
Kristin Milefchik, representing herself.

The following people testified in support of the bill:
Chris Barnett, representing Orion Township.
Bruce Pearson, representing Addison Township.
Pat Kittle, representing Independence Township.
George Kullis, representing Holly Township.

Matt Webb, representing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan, testified to the bill.

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition of the bill, but did not wish to speak:
Megan Petzko-Sweet, representing Beaumont Health.

Sean Gehle, representing Ascension Michigan.
Phil Browne, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation.
Amy Gumbrecht, representing Wayne County.
Kenneth Cole, representing the City of Detroit.
Dillon McGough, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.
Tyrone Sanders, representing DTE Energy.
Elizabeth Kutter, representing Henry Ford Health System.
John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League.
Nicole Nystrom, representing Rock Ventures.
Bill Houghton, representing himself.

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition of the bill and wished to speak, but due to time constraints, were unable to:

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.
Clark Harder, representing the Michigan Public Transit Association.
Meghan Owen, representing Transportation Riders United.

L. Brooke Patterson, representing Oakland County, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5635:

HB 5635 (Cole) Counties; boards and commissions; date of the regular meeting to equalize the assessment rolls; modify.

Chair Tedder moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 5635.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, Ellison, and Yancey.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 5635, as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, Ellison, and Yancey.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:
Chris Jones, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.
Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 887:

SB 887 (Brandenburg) Use tax; exemptions; definition of taxable use; modify.

Representative Leutheuser moved to report SB 887 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, Ellison, and Yancey.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Matt Groen, representing the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Maturen moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:13 p.m.

Representative Jim Tedder, Chair

Eddie Sleeper
Committee Clerk
May 9, 2018
103 minutes

Date Approved and Signed